SENATE BILL 248

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to early postsecondary credit courses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

- (a) Beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, every LEA shall make available to students enrolled in its high schools opportunities to take, prior to graduation from high school, at least six (6) early postsecondary credit courses, including Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, or dual credit courses. For the purposes of this section, early postsecondary credit courses do not include courses taken through a dual enrollment program as defined in § 49-15-102(3). These opportunities may be provided through traditional classroom instruction, online or virtual instruction, blended learning, or other educationally appropriate methods.
- (b) LEAs are encouraged to partner with other LEAs or institutions of higher education to provide early postsecondary credit courses.
- SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.